

**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

VICTOR B. KLEY

Application No.:

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For: SCANNING PROBE  
MICROSCOPY INSPECTION AND  
MODIFICATION SYSTEM

Examiner:

Technology Center/Art Unit:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.